

purpose of improving the effectiveness of the administration of such program in meeting the purposes and policies of this Act. Such cooperative agreements may include provisions that modify the selection criteria for a grant or assistance program to further the purposes of this Act or that allow the Council to participate in the selection of recipients, if such provisions are not inconsistent with the grant or assistance program's statutory authorization and purpose.

“(b) REVIEW OF GRANT AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.—The Council may—

“(1) review the operation of any Federal grant or assistance program to evaluate the effectiveness of such program in meeting the purposes and policies of this Act;

“(2) make recommendations to the head of any Federal agency that administers such program to further the consistency of the program with the purposes and policies of the Act and to improve its effectiveness in carrying out those purposes and policies; and

“(3) make recommendations to the President and Congress regarding the effectiveness of Federal grant and assistance programs in meeting the purposes and policies of this Act, including recommendations with regard to appropriate funding levels.”.

The committee amendments were agreed to.

The bill S. 1378 was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 1378

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT AMENDMENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “National Historic Preservation Act Amendments Act of 2006”.

(b) REFERENCE.—A reference in this Act to “the Act” shall be a reference to the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

(c) HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND.—Section 108 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 470h) is amended by striking “2005” and inserting “2015”.

(d) MEMBERSHIP OF ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION.—

(1) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—Section 201(a)(4) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 470i(a)(4)) is amended by striking “four” and inserting “seven”.

(2) ALLOWING DESIGNEE FOR GOVERNOR MEMBER.—Section 201(b) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 470i(b)) is amended by striking “(5) and”.

(3) QUORUM.—Section 201(f) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 470i(f)) is amended by striking “Nine” and inserting “12”.

(e) FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION.—Section 205(f) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 470m(f)) is amended to read as follows:

“(f) Financial and administrative services (including those related to budgeting, accounting, financial reporting, personnel and procurement) shall be provided the Council by the Department of the Interior or, at the discretion of the Council, such other agency or private entity that reaches an agreement with the Council, for which payments shall be made in advance or by reimbursement from funds of the Council in such amounts as may be agreed upon by the Chairman of the Council and the head of the agency or, in the case of a private entity, the authorized representative of the private entity that will provide the services. When a Federal agency affords such services, the regulations of that agency for the collection of indebtedness of personnel resulting from erroneous payments (5 U.S.C. 5514(b)) shall apply to the collection of erroneous payments made to or on behalf of a Council employee and regula-

tions of that agency for the administrative control of funds (31 U.S.C. 1513(d), 1514) shall apply to appropriations of the Council. The Council shall not be required to prescribe such regulations.”.

(f) APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZATION OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION.—Section 212(a) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 470t(a)) is amended by striking “for purposes of this title not to exceed \$4,000,000 for each fiscal year 1997 through 2005” and inserting “such amounts as may be necessary to carry out this title”.

(g) EFFECTIVENESS OF FEDERAL GRANT AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN MEETING THE PURPOSES AND POLICIES OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT.—Title II of the Act is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“SEC. 216. EFFECTIVENESS OF FEDERAL GRANT AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

“(a) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Council may enter into a cooperative agreement with any Federal agency that administers a grant or assistance program for the purpose of improving the effectiveness of the administration of such program in meeting the purposes and policies of this Act. Such cooperative agreements may include provisions that modify the selection criteria for a grant or assistance program to further the purposes of this Act or that allow the Council to participate in the selection of recipients, if such provisions are not inconsistent with the grant or assistance program's statutory authorization and purpose.

“(b) REVIEW OF GRANT AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.—The Council may—

“(1) review the operation of any Federal grant or assistance program to evaluate the effectiveness of such program in meeting the purposes and policies of this Act;

“(2) make recommendations to the head of any Federal agency that administers such program to further the consistency of the program with the purposes and policies of the Act and to improve its effectiveness in carrying out those purposes and policies; and

“(3) make recommendations to the President and Congress regarding the effectiveness of Federal grant and assistance programs in meeting the purposes and policies of this Act, including recommendations with regard to appropriate funding levels.”.

REPEAL OF CERTAIN SECTIONS OF AN ACT PERTAINING TO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

The bill (S. 1829), to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands, was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed; as follows:

S. 1829

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REPEAL OF CERTAIN LAWS PERTAINING TO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.

(a) REPEAL.—Sections 1 through 6 of the Act of May 26, 1936 (48 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.), are repealed.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section takes effect on July 22, 1954.

COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2005

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1830) to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of

2003, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments, as follows:

(The parts of the bill intended to be stricken are shown in boldface brackets and the parts of the bill intended to be inserted are shown in italics.)

S. 1830

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Compacts of Free Association Amendments Act of 2005”.

SEC. 2. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS.

Section 101 of the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence of subsection (a), by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, including Article X of the Federal Programs and Services Agreement Between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended under the Agreement to Amend Article X that was signed by those 2 Governments on June 30, 2004, which shall serve as the authority to implement the provisions thereof”; and

(2) in the first sentence of subsection (b), by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, including Article X of the Federal Programs and Services Agreement Between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, as amended under the Agreement to Amend Article X that was signed by those 2 Governments on June 18, 2004, which shall serve as the authority to implement the provisions thereof”.

SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.

Section 105(f)(1) of the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921d(f)(1)) is amended by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

“(A) EMERGENCY AND DISASTER ASSISTANCE.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause (ii), section 221(a)(6) of the U.S.-FSM Compact and section 221(a)(5) of the U.S.-RMI Compact shall each be construed and applied in accordance with the 2 Agreements to Amend Article X of the Federal Programs and Service Agreements signed on June 30, 2004, and on June 18, 2004, respectively.

“(ii) DEFINITION OF WILL PROVIDE FUNDING.—In the second sentence of paragraph 12 of each of the Agreements described in clause (i), the term “will provide funding” means will provide funding through a transfer of funds using Standard Form 1151 or a similar document or through an interagency, reimbursable agreement.”.

SEC. 4. CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING PALAU.

Section 105(f)(1)(B) of the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921d(f)(1)(B)) is amended—

(1) in clause (ii)(II), by striking “and its territories” and inserting “, its territories, and the Republic of Palau”;

(2) in [clause (iii)] clause (iii)(II), by striking “, or the Republic of the Marshall Islands” and inserting “, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau”; and

(3) in clause (ix)—

(A) by striking “Republic” both places it appears and inserting “government, institutions, and people”; [and]

(B) by striking “2007” and inserting “2009”; and

[(B)] (C) by striking “was” and inserting “were”.

SEC. 5. AVAILABILITY OF LEGAL SERVICES.

Section 105(f)(1)(C) of the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48